

TALK ABOUT TURF AFFAIRS.

A RUMOR WITHOUT CONFIRMATION—ITEMS ABOUT MEN AND HORSES.

There are thousands of men in New-York who are thankful that the finishing post of 1893 is past. To many turfmen it has been the most disastrous season in the history of the turf. One of the greatest plumbets set with so many reverses that he ready to winter quarters with but little ready cash, and a bundle of markers to be paid off. The winning owners spend many hours looking over that long list of forfeits due from winning sales. The turfmen whose names appear in the forfeit list are in despair because there is but little chance for them to race unless they settle their obligations to the clubs should there be adverse legislation in New-Jersey.

The rumor that "Billy" Thompson, the "Duke of Gloucester," had purchased the "Mephisto" looks confirmation. Jerome Park is being discussed as the track over which the Monmouth Park races will be decided in 1894. It is, perhaps, merely a wish to talk about future affairs or look forward until it comes, but the prospect of the racing season is far from being bright. Some turfmen have not the backbone to make a determined stand for their rights. It is far too early to argue for or against 1894, as by doing so a loophole may be left for the enemies of legitimate racing. It has been the trouble with the racing officials in the East from the start that they do nothing to supersede a certain element that is a disgrace to the game.

Alfred Nelson, Eugene Belvoir, Frederick Edinger, Master Caldwell and William Ottman held a long discussion about turf affairs in an uptown hotel on Friday. Edward Kelly joined the party, and that hour received a complete overhaul, with the result that Ottman was decided to be the best host of the imported sires in this country.

W. L. Hamnerley, who is known to almost every racing fan, is seriously ill at his apartment at No. 21 West Thirty-first st. Many of his friends call on him to cheer him in his trouble. Mr. Hamnerley predicts that his friend Edward Kelly will visit the charming two-year-old of 1893 to the post, and that all records will be beaten.

The Comedy Island Jockey Club is in the field in favor of any reform that will promote the interests of the turf. It is not at all likely that the club will make the slightest opposition to any measure proposed by the committee appointed at the meeting of turfmen on Wednesday last.

Whatever needed reforms of the affairs of the turf are being considered, certain rules of "colonialism" are being introduced in politics, always springing up to air their grievances. Persons of that class have been busily engaged in discussing the situation, the turfmen who were present at the meeting, one of the leaders who has never contributed one dollar to support the turf, but earned a large sum in fees in dredging, to say nothing of the number of turfmen that horseowners cut down the persons who were in the field in dredging on the tracks in the neighborhood. There were many persons who agreed with him, and his influence is hardly possible that the committee appointed to the work will be able to carry on the work in conjunction with private detectives to be employed for the purpose. The first movement, it is said, will be made against the concert drivers.

establish racing in communities where they and their followers are not wanted.

TWELVE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

The winter stable of Victor Holler, in a large barn connected with the Bishop House, Bishop Drive, Clifton, N. J., was burned to the ground early yesterday morning, and twelve horses valued at about \$2,500 per head in the flames. Sixty-three animals were saved. Those burned were: Laura S., Buddhist; St. Patrick, Vandal, Major, and a Tremont Bill. No attendant was present when the fire is believed to have broken out, but through hard work on the part of the local men, Marriage, Hams Up and Lucky Clover were rescued.

Two months ago a similar fire of mysterious origin occurred in a stable on the Clifton track, resulting in a stallion being burned to death, and the loss of a racehorse and a dozen workhorses. Victor Holler is well known to patrons of the smaller tracks.

THEY WILL FOLLOW DR. PARKHURST'S PLAN.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The Law and Order League of this city has been awakened to renewed vigor by the tragedy in a disorderly house a few nights ago, when City Attorney Peter said it would warrant a general strike. "Seventeen hundred men are to follow the general plan adopted by Dr. Parkhurst in New-York and already have leader in the person of the Rev. Dr. Tyrell, of the First Christian Church. They say there will be no attempt made to force religion upon any man, the sole purpose being to ferret out and punish

Wherever crime is to be ferreted out," said the Doctor, "and evidence collected for its suppression, detective work is necessary, hence I see nothing to blame in such methods as Dr. Parkhurst is using."

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CORNELL PROFESSORS OFFER A REWARD.

Ithaca, Dec. 20 (Special).—From the big dining hall at Cascadilla Place, where many Cornell professors and students board, was recently taken a large folding screen. After private questioning of a few persons and waiting a fortnight for their information, the police have learned that the conventional knowledge of two of the professors post to a reward of \$250 not for the recovery of the screen, but for the capture of the person who took it. Two of the plaintiffs have been mutilated and torn down, but they were soon replaced.

A HANDSOME MEMORIAL WINDOW.

At the Church of the Heavenly Rest today more than a window of beautiful design, presented by Mrs. George Lewis, Jr., in memory of her mother, Catherine Anne Taylor. The window is subsidiary to the Jesus painting in the recesses. Having around and above the recess is a choir of angels. Surrounding all is the Holy Cross, with angels, clouds and clouds of glory. "He Who Sleeps, Sleep Soundly." In allusion to the church's name, the "Cathedral Rest," groups of poppies and apostles appear on one side, looking up toward the cross, while martyrs and saints stand on the other.

Four heralds are on the top tier of figures. A according angel, with the book of life open, is seen on one side, and on the other an angel with the Book closed. The Lamb enthroned amid the clouds of glory appears in the nose tracery of the top of the window. The smaller panels of tracery are filled with various emblems.

PASSENGERS LANDED AT A NEW PIER.

When the steamship New-York, of the American Line, came into port yesterday she brought on a new departure in the landing of transatlantic passengers. All the tier lines have been landing for some time. The American Line has established its transatlantic passenger service to Liverpool, and the opening of that route has been followed by the arrival of the "Cunarder" from Southampton. Both of these changes come in addition to the departure, and the accumulation of them is due in a large measure to the energy of James A. Wright, Jr., the agent of the line in this city. The opening by the American Line of this site for its pier is a move of great importance, and will probably be followed by other transatlantic lines of steamship companies.

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